



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Pickering (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Chauhan

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Pickering was appointed as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business to be discussed on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Enforcement Sub-Committees held on 29 August 2023 and 31 October 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information,

as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 1

Information relating to an individual.

Paragraph 2

Information that is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

B1) APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE

6. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report that required Members to determine an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Manager, a Licensing Officer and the Legal Advisor to the sub-committee were present.

The applicant had not arrived for the 10am start of the meeting. The Chair agreed to wait for a period of ten minutes before proceeding with the Licensing Officer's report. The applicant did not arrive and the meeting resumed in their absence.

The Chair led introductions and informed those present of housekeeping and evacuation procedures.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and outlined details of the applicant, including the relevant City Council Guidelines.

The Sub-Committee received legal advice from the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee in the presence of all those present.

In reaching their decision, Members felt they should deliberate in private on the basis that this was in the public interest, and as such outweighed the public interest of their deliberation taking place with the parties represented present.

The Chair announced that the decision and reasons made during private deliberation would be announced in writing within five working days.

The Chair informed the meeting the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee would be called back to give advice on the wording of the decision.

The Chair then asked all but Members of the Sub-Committee and Governance Support Officer to leave the meeting. The Sub-Committee then deliberated in private to consider their decision.

The Sub-Committee recalled the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to give advice on the wording of the decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the grant of a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be REFUSED as Members were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Licence.

The applicant would be provided with reasons for the decision in writing within 5 working days.

The applicant would be advised of the right to appeal the decision.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:20am.